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11. (SBU) Maldivian Foreign Minister Ahmed Shaheed confirmed to Econ Chief on May 26 that the GORM will support Kosovo's bid to join the World Bank; he stated that the GORM remains "very supportive of U.S. policies to enhance the stability in the West Balkans." He said the GORM will cast its vote in favor prior to the June 3 deadline.